RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Govern nent*) : (*a*) †Lists of schools, tanks, wells, *satrams* and roads which were not opened to all castes and communities at the time of the issue of the Press Communique in Makaram 1109 are laid on the table.

(*b*) Four departmental and three aided schools have been thrown open to all classes since the issue of the above Press Communique.

No tanks, wells, *satrams* etc., have been thrown open.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of throwing open all tanks, wells, *satrams*, etc., given in the statement to all communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is under consideration.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : How long was it under consideration ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been under consideration for some time. I cannot give the exact period.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member whether the people of any other caste have raised any objection in throwing open all the tanks, wells, *satrams*, etc. to all communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The matter is being enquired into. Whether objections have been raised or not, I cannot say.

Aided and unaided Reading Rooms.

264. ***MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of aided and unaided Reading Rooms and Libraries in the State classified under—
Libraries as follows :—

(i) those in towns ;

(ii) those in villages ; and

(*b*) the amount they spend on aided Libraries and Reading Rooms ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Information *re* the number of unaided Reading Rooms and Libraries is not available. Particulars *re* aided Reading Rooms and Libraries are as follows :—

(i) 12.

(ii) 24.

(*b*) Rs. 2,182-25-0 in 1109.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : May I know from the member whether he will take the necessary steps to gather the information *re* the number of unaided Reading Rooms and Libraries in the State and the results made known to this House ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

† *Vide* Appendix VII

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